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SOME BITS OF NEWS ABOUT US

South Africa. Thanks to the HUMAN SCALE DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (PO Box 34678, Groote Schuur 7937, South Africa; John Clarke) and other friends, we met many people and groups on our journey from Cape Town to Johannesburg - via the Boland, the Garden Route, Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown, East London, Durban and Pietermaritzburg. We have produced a 14-page booklet on "IMPRESSIONS OF THE NEW SOUTH AFRICA", including "People-Centred Development", "Environmentally Sustainable Development", "Parliament, Government and NGOs", and "Some Organisations"*. £2 inc. p&p in UK. Order form enclosed. [* These organisations do not duplicate those at pp.6, 10, 11 and 14.]

Cuba. We have accepted invitations to speak at an international conference on "ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY - MEDIO AMBIENTE Y SOCIEDAD: The Imperatives of Ecological Stewardship and of Community" in Havana from 10th to 14th February 1997. Renee-Marie Croose Parry is helping with liaison for foreign participants. If interested, please write or fax her at the Center for the Advancement of Human Co-operation, PO Box 15778, Gainesville, FL 32604, USA; fax: (352) 373 5371.

Alison continues as a trustee of the Environmental Law Foundation (see p.5) and on the Council of the Schumacher Society (see p.5); and James as a trustee of the New Economics Foundation (1st Floor, Vine Court, 112-116 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1JE). As a Visiting Fellow, Green College (Oxford) Centre for Environmental Policy and Understanding, he is helping to organise a seminar on resource taxation plus Citizen's Income in the context of sustainable development. (More on this subject is at pp. 2 and 3.)

SHARING COMMON RESOURCES AND VALUES ("THE COMMONS")

James's articles in *Political Quarterly*, Jan/March 1996, on "Towards A New Social Compact: Citizen's Income And Radical Tax Reform" and *New Internationalist*, April 1996, on "Ecotaxes", are about moving toward more equal, socially just, economically efficient and ecologically sustainable arrangements whereby:

- * the amounts people and organisations pay to the public revenue reflect the value they subtract by their use of common resources like energy and land;
- * all citizens share by right the annual revenue so raised, partly by way of services provided at public expense and partly by way of a Citizen's Income; and
- * taxes are abolished on employment, on earnings and profits from useful work, and on value added and contributions made to the common good.

The long-term political significance of this approach could be profound, internationally as well as nationally.

In 1797 Thomas Paine proposed, in "Agrarian Justice", that every landowner should pay ground rent to the community and the revenue be distributed to citizens "as a compensation, in part, for the loss of his or her inheritance by the introduction of landed property". The 1996 International Congress of the Basic Income European Network (BIEN: Secretary Philippe van Parijs, 3 Place Montesquieu, B-1348 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium: Conference Secretary Edith Scherr, European Centre for Social Welfare, Policy and Research, Berggasse 17, A-1090 Vienna, Austria) will discuss "Paine and Beyond". Gary Flo (110 West Elm St, Fort Bragg, CA 95437, USA) will be saying "Paine was right. Basic Income must come from ground rent".

Fred Harrison's 31pp booklet "Land of Freedom" (LAND POLICY COUNCIL, 7 Kings Road, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 0QB), arguing that "owners ought to pay for the socially provided benefits they receive as a result of the possession of land", reflects his work with municipal governments in Russia to develop a distinctively Russian solution to the current problem of property rights. In *Land and Liberty*, Winter 1996 (177 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1EU) Ronald Banks's open letter to Tony Blair urges him to consider a new economic paradigm based on cutting taxes and replacing them with the collection of the site value of land as the source of public revenue.

That proposal has been repeatedly frustrated throughout the 20th century, as Alan Laurie outlines in Volume 1 of *Essays from THE LAND IS OURS* (East Oxford Community Centre, Princes St, Oxford OX4 1DD). W.H. Pitt (5 Solar Court, Nunawading, Victoria 3131, Australia) also favours collecting public revenue through landholding charges.

A 12pp Briefing, 1996, by Stephen Tindale and Gerald Holtham on "Green Taxes: Pollution Payments and Labour Tax Cuts" for the INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH (IPPR, 30-32 Southampton Street, London WC2E 7RA) discusses a package of gradual changes to increase taxes on energy and pollution and reduce Value Added Tax, Employers' National Insurance Contributions and Business Rates.

Farel Bradbury (70 Silverdale Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9HZ) and Owen Ephraim (50 New Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 7QT) are fund-raising for studies on the "Resource Economics Proposition", to combine a reformed system of wealth distribution with UNITAX - taxes on wealth consumption as measured by consumption of primary energy, instead of taxes on wealth creation.

"Many of today's employment and 'labour market' policies are irrelevant. New policies - e.g. on social security, taxation, education and training - must positively help people to take charge of their own working life and their own useful work. Proposals include a Citizens Income...and taxing energy and land instead of incomes and value added". CULTURES AND DEVELOPMENT, April 1996 (Journal of the South-North Network, 174 rue Joseph II, 1000 Brussels, Belgium; Thierry Verhelst) discusses "Europe's Future: What Culture for which Social Model?".

The UK GREEN PARTY has been working seriously on the possibility of combining a Citizens Income with land and resource taxation - contact Eric Wall (24 Arboretum Street, Derby DE23 8FP).

The concluding statement of the 5th International Conference of the Campaign for a More Democratic United Nations - in New York on 6-9 October 1995 - (see Jeffrey Segal's 28pp report UNITED NATIONS & UNITED PEOPLES: PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE, £3 from CAMDUN, 308 Cricklewood Lane, London NW2 2PX), called for "worldwide networking of civil society organisations to build a United Nations and United Peoples partnership" during the UN's second half century. It also urged "UN agencies to study the method of land value taxation, which shifts taxation policies off labour and productive capital and on to the common heritage of land and natural resources, so as to promote a more equitable distribution of wealth throughout the world".

Banks - through their monopoly power to issue new money as interest-bearing loans - now profit, as landowners do, from common values which should be shared by all citizens. If government issued interest-free new money as part of a Citizen's Income instead of borrowing it at interest from the banks, the National Debt and levels of debt throughout society would be reduced. We commend CHRISTIAN COUNCIL FOR MONETARY JUSTICE's (Secretary Kevin Donnelly, 20 Nan Nook Road, Manchester M23 9BZ) documentation, their seminars and their joint meetings with advocates of land-rent taxation like Fred Harrison and Ronald Banks (see p. 2).

Mike Rowbotham's THESE CHANGING TIMES: THE ECONOMICS OF PEACEFUL PROGRESS (1996, 179pp, £7.50 from him at School House, Alby Hill, Aldborough NR11 7PH), inspired by the Social Credit ideas of C.H. Douglas earlier this century, will help readers to realise why the behaviour of money causes many contemporary ills. Brian Leslie's (12 Queens Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9LU) SUSTAINABLE ECONOMICS (newsletter of the Green Party Land Tax and Economic Policy Working Groups) also strongly supports a new approach to credit creation.

In 1995, as in every year, the world produced enough food for every human being. But chronically hungry people do not have access to that food; they can neither grow it nor buy it; they have no land and no money. CENTER FOCUS (Center of Concern, 3700 13th Street NE, Washington DC 20017, USA), January 1996, on "World Hunger and Catholic Social Teaching" concludes that "world food security is a matter of justice, and justice is not being served".

Biodiversity and the world's genetic inheritance is another "commons". The Biodiversity Convention's intentions are being thwarted by the demand of transnational corporations to be able to patent new plant varieties, thus shifting control of crop varieties, their genes and their seeds from farmers to corporations. And 50,000 of the world's crop plant varieties are becoming extinct every year. Consumer Currents, July 1996 (PO Box 1045, 10830 Penang, Malaysia).

FOOD AND FARMING

The UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is holding a World Food Summit, 13-17 November 1996. CONNECTIONS (UNED-UK, c/o UNA, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL), May-July 1996, includes a useful 4-page insert. Over 800 million people are chronically undernourished. In sub-Saharan Africa food production has steadily declined over the last thirty years. After the GATT Uruguay Round and under the new World Trade Organisation, the cost of poorer countries' food imports will rise but their export incomes will not.

"Hunger will be ended when hungry people regain control over their own lives - when they gain the opportunity to build lives of self-reliance and dignity". THE HUNGER PROJECT recognises that conventional approaches, which treat hungry people as the problem, do not work. A new paradigm is needed, based on self-reliance, an enabling environment, empowerment of women, global responsibility, partnership and investment (not charity). 8pp booklet on "Unleashing the Human Spirit: Effective Strategy and Action for a Future Free from Hunger" and other information from Jane Shaw, UK Director, Hunger Project (11 Carteret Street, London SW1H 9DL). GRAMEEN DIALOGUE, January 1996 (Grameen Trust, Mirpur Two, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh) includes an article on Freedom From Hunger's partnerships with village banking programmes.

"The national debate on intensive farming starts now. We cannot wait until it's too late and another BSE is upon us". The Sustainable Agriculture, Food and Environment (SAFE) Alliance (38 Ebury Street, London SW1W 0LU; Vicki Hird) is a coalition of organisations working for a more equitable, ecological and healthy farming system.

NEW RENAISSANCE, Summer 1996 (quarterly from 3a Cazenove Road, London N16 6PA, £8 pa) features "Farming the Future". Joanne Bower (FARM AND FOOD SOCIETY, 4 Willifield Way, London NW11 7XT) writes on "Animals in Agriculture". Ruthless exploitation by factory farming has replaced our one-time relatively benign attitude to the creatures which feed us, and is intensified by international competition under GATT, whereby better conditions for livestock, and an embargo on export for slaughter and on meat from animals whose growth has been stimulated by hormones, are considered "barriers to trade".

Rural Advancement Foundation International (RAFI, 504-71 Bank St, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5N2, Canada; Pat Mooney) "works to ensure that the earth's priceless agricultural genetic diversity is conserved and used, and that institutions and policies are reshaped to build global food security on the basis of agricultural biodiversity".

"Whether it be fisheries, forests or genetic resources, FAO's activities belie its rhetoric of altruistic concern for developing countries, degraded ecosystems and impoverished communities. ... FAO pursues strategies which manifestly serve the purposes of the rich and powerful. ... The Biodiversity Coalition, Newsletter No.12 (c/o PO, Cygnet 7112, Tasmania, Australia) suggests celebrating FAO's 50th Anniversary by disestablishing it and creating some new institutions, based on implementation of the Biodiversity Convention.

Polls show that most Europeans consider environmental and consumer organisations the most reliable sources of information on genetic engineering, followed by schools and universities, with politicians, industry and trade unions as least reliable. THE SPLICE OF LIFE, April 1996 (Genetics Forum, 5-11 Worship Street, London EC2A 2BH).

ENVIRONMENT, ECOLOGY, ENERGY

This is a good moment to join THE SCHUMACHER SOCIETY. Membership includes a ticket to the Schumacher Lectures (see p.16), and other benefits. Inspired by E.F. Schumacher, the Society promotes human scale and ecologically sound living. Information from Wiebke Seeger (Schumacher Society, Foxhole, Dartington, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EB).

The law can offer a powerful tool for protecting the environment. ELF (Environmental Law Foundation, Lincoln's Inn House, 42 Kingsway, London WC2B 6EX; Katherine Davis) can put people affected by threats to our natural heritage in contact with lawyers who can help.

RESCUE MISSION: PLANET EARTH (The White House, Buntingford, Herts SG9 9AH; David Woollcombe), started in 1992 by Peace Child International, now has 500 affiliate groups in 120 countries. Projects include a children's edition of Agenda 21, and the UN's "Passport to the Future" - a card, stamped with "Visas to the Future" in recognition of pledges fulfilled, to give young people the credibility they need to access government officials.

Rocky Mountain Institute's (RMI, 1739 Snowmass Creek Road, Snowmass CO 81654 USA; Amory and Hunter Lovins) programme on hypercars is gathering pace. Combining ultralight materials, ultralow drag and hybrid electric drive (electricity to drive the wheels will be generated on board from fuel, and braking energy will be recovered and used), hypercars will do hundreds of miles to the gallon and dramatically reduce pollution. Contrasting with "Iron Age" cars as computers/telecommunications do with manual typewriters/postal mail, the development of hypercars will help to transform the use of materials and energy in every industry - a new Industrial Revolution.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CUMBRIA (TECTIC), a diocesan environmental group convened by John Smith (Forester's House, Castle Carrock, Carlisle CA4 9LT) is now considering Christian attitudes to nuclear power.

In "Servants of Creation: Reshaping a Biblical Theology of Ecology" in MODERN BELIEVING, January 1996 (editor Dr George Pattison, Kings College, Cambridge CB2 1ST), John M. Lewis outlines a paradigm shift in the human relationship with the rest of creation, from dominion not just to stewardship but to servanthood.

"Whilst there is substantial latent public support for the aims and aspirations of sustainability, there is also substantial and pervasive scepticism about the goodwill of government and other corporate interests towards its achievement". PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY IN LANCASHIRE: INDICATORS, INSTITUTIONS, PARTICIPATION is an important report (March 1995, 96pp, £10 from Lancashire County Council, PO Box 160, East Cliff County Offices, Preston PR1 3EX; Graham Pinfield), commissioned from the Centre for the Study of Environmental Change at Lancaster University.

The GLOBAL COMMONS INSTITUTE (42 Windsor Road, London NW2 5DS; Aubrey Meyer), an independent group which deserves and needs support, has challenged the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for abandoning, under pressure from big business, its previous scenario for stabilising the concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere at the 1990 level. Prof Ernst von Weizacker (Wuppertal Institute, PO Box 10 04 08, D-42004 Wuppertal, Germany) agrees "that the IPCC's Second Assessment Report reflects a lamentable shift from an unbiased scientific assessment to an economy-driven assessment".

THE LOCAL DIMENSION

Associacao IN LOCO (Apartado 603, 8000 Faro, Portugal; Prof Alberto Melo) holds that the European Community should be based on links not just between states and big businesses, but also between cultural and socio-economic projects at local and regional levels. It is a member of TASC (Territorial Action for Social Cohesion), with six urban and six rural local initiatives from nine European countries as members.

City Region Campaign's (26 Danbury Street, London N1 8JU; Director Roger Warren Evans) BUILDING A NEW BRITAIN (June 1996, 34pp + 6 pages of maps and tables, £6.50 inc p&p; editor Simon Partridge,) proposes a new approach to devolution and democratic local government - structured around city regions. It should be studied. An important contribution to an important issue that isn't going to go away.

The "Manifesto for Sustainable London" (SUSTAINABLE LONDON TRUST, 7 Chamberlain Street, London NW1 8XB; John Jopling) will be launched in October, and the new London Citizen Forum in November - see p. 16.

In CAMDEN LOCAL AGENDA 21, Newsletter No.1, January 1996, Peter Cadogan (3 Hinchinbrook House, Greville Road, London NW6 5UP) asks if Local Agenda 21 should be based on issues (traffic, recycling, parks and gardens, employment, etc., as each affects the local government area as a whole) or community-based (as these issues in combination affect each neighbourhood in the area). His answer is: both.

Eileen Conn (60 Nutbrook Street, London SE15 4LE) chairs the SOUTHWARK POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP, which aims to help young people and others to find a strong voice in expressing community views. Concerns include a positive approach to community safety, not just crime detection. VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION, a spin-off from SPCCG, aims to increase and improve all forms of volunteering in Southwark. Interesting annual reports from both organisations.

MINSOC's (Management Institute for Social Change, B-2114, 1st Floor, Jalan Merpati, 25300 Kuantan, Pahang Darul Makmur, Malaysia; Bishan Singh) Second Five-Year Plan will focus on programmes to popularise the concepts of "community economy" and "community entrepreneur".

One of Antony V. Trowbridge's concerns as an architect/planner (Symbiotic Management Systems, PO Box 1083, Parklands 2121, Johannesburg, South Africa) is "Community Economics for Self-Reliant, Self-Sustaining, Socio-Economic Development".

"Communities That Work", informative brochure from ACORN TELEVILLAGES LTD (The Televillage, Crickhowell, Powys NP8 1BP - Ashley Charles Dobbs), illustrates how televillages, linked by the fiberoptic network, can reduce energy consumption and pollution levels.

The glossy inaugural CELEBRATION JOURNAL (95pp, \$3.95, Walt Disney Company, 200 Celebration Place, Celebration, Florida 34747, USA), on the new town of Celebration near Orlando, is a fascinating mix of American commercial hype and people-centred vision. The chapter on "Health Care in the 21st Century" sees the physician as community developer, and the healthy community as "a place where every person has an opportunity to realise full potential as a physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual being who contributes to community betterment". Do we detect the hand of Clem Bezdold (Institute for Alternative Futures, 100 North Pitt Street, Suite 235, Alexandria, VA 22314, USA), who sent us the journal?

BUSINESS

Christopher Hall (Director, Christian Concern for One World, The Knowle, Deddington, Banbury OX15 0TB) discusses the Ecumenical Committee for Corporate Responsibility's reaction to Shell's operations in Nigeria and the judicial murder of Ken Saro-Wiwa, in GREEN CHRISTIANS, February-April 1996 (editor Dennis Richards, 69 Shelley House, Churchill Gardens, London SW1V 3JE).

"Giant corporations now govern. These corporations are major causes of poverty, community destabilisation, discrimination, ill health and environmental destruction. ... We the People will have to learn about the sources of corporations' powers, take those powers away, dismantle the worst corporations and assert popular sovereignty over all enterprises we allow to do business in our land". Ward Morehouse (Suite 3C, 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA) and Richard Grossman co-direct the Program On Corporations, Law & Democracy. Resource list from POCLAD (PO Box 806, Cambridge, MA 02140, USA).

How can we promote "basic values of cooperation, solidarity, mutual benefit and social justice to young people who are not only wholly ignorant of these, but who have also had the misfortune to come of age during a period of mass unemployment, corporate greed, and the reduction to market values of all economic relationships..."? Alun Severn writes on "The Legacy of Thatcher's Enterprise Culture" in NEW SECTOR, July 1996 (Society Place, West Calder EH55 8EA).

"Buddhism does not deny the necessity of meeting basic human needs nor the role of an active ego in securing them; and this includes the effective practice of honest business. The problem is the development by the ego of attachments to self-inflation through fame and gain which ignores the welfare of others and, as a natural extension, the excessive accumulation of capital and influence by the institutional egos of competitive international corporations to the neglect of planetary good". COLLABORATIVE INQUIRY, December 1995 (Peter Reason - see p.12) is devoted to "The Place of the Dharma in Our Time" by John Crook.

"Business managers have a special responsibility to be concerned about the existential challenges humankind is currently facing". Jens H. Hohmann (Am Widey 22, 59757 Arnsberg, Germany) writes on the need for ethical, spiritual, evolutionary, and systems approaches, in "Creativity and the Paradigm Shift in Business Management" in CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION: THE POWER OF SYNERGY, Darmstadt, 1994.

Sustainability (The People's Hall, 91-97 Freston Road, London W11 4BD; John Elkington) "helps its clients to develop win-win-win business solutions which are socially responsible, environmentally sound and economically viable", good for "people, planet, profit". Is this high-profile, award-winning, international strategic management consultancy on the side of the angels? Its informative SUSTAINABILITY NEWS, Review of 1995, makes a strong case.

Details from the NEW ACADEMY OF BUSINESS (3-4 Albion Place, Galena Road, London W6 0LT) of courses on Social and Ethical Accounting and Auditing, run jointly with the New Economics Foundation (see p.1). SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTING, April 1996 (CSEAR, University of Dundee, Dundee DD1 4HN; Rob Gray), reports that from 1996 listed Danish companies must publish annual Environmental Reports, and the Netherlands now gives tax breaks for environmental investing.

BOOKS RECEIVED

John and Madge Measures: SOUTHERN PORTUGAL: ITS PEOPLE, TRADITIONS AND WILDLIFE: published 1995 by Associacao "In Loco" (see p.6), 208pp, pbk. "Only 20 miles from the cosmopolitan coast of the Algarve lies an extremely rich and varied world... one of the last outposts of rural Europe". This beautiful guide book is about the real wealth, "the hidden assets and resources" of the people and places of the sierra between Algarve and Alentejo.

Hazel Henderson: BUILDING A WIN-WIN WORLD: LIFE BEYOND GLOBAL ECONOMIC WARFARE: Berrett-Koehler, 1996, 398pp, hbk, \$29.95. In this "most recent album of snapshots" of the present unfolding human drama, Henderson scans "for signs of increasing levels of global awareness, responsibility and wisdom that must emerge for our survival and development". Full of information and insight about the collision between the externally focused, technologically driven economic growth paradigm, and rising grassroots global concerns.

Richard Welford and Richard Starkey (eds): BUSINESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT: Earthscan, 1996, 284pp, pbk, £19.95. Introductory chapters by Paul Hawken (author of *Ecology of Commerce*) and James Robertson (on "Shaping the Post-Modern Economy: Can Business Play A Creative Part?"). Other contributors include Colin Hutchinson, Ian Miles, David Fleming, Rob Gray, Michael Jacobs and Roger Levett.

Ted Trainer: TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY: THE NEED FOR FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE: Jon Carpenter, 1996, 182pp, pbk, £10.99. Excellent introduction to the need for a "radical conserver society" contrasted with both "free enterprise capitalism" and "big state socialism".

Lester W. Milbrath: LEARNING TO THINK ENVIRONMENTALLY - WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME: SUNY Press, 1996, 136pp, pbk, \$9.95. A conversation with a neighbour. Simple, effective. Concludes with 13 points of difference between environmental and conventional American thinking.

Richard A. Slaughter: THE FORESIGHT PRINCIPLE: CULTURAL RECOVERY IN THE 21ST CENTURY: Adamantine, 1995, 232pp, pbk. "The central myth of the 20th century is that the path to human destiny is by way of science, machines, and rationality". Slaughter's impressive analysis looks beyond the industrial worldview and points to a post-modern cultural reconstruction. Useful 47pp Annotated Bibliography.

Michael Marien: ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURES: World Future Society, 1996, 170pp, pbk, \$35.00. 450 abstracts are grouped under "Environmental Issues", "Toward Sustainability" and "Politics and Planning", together with a list of 170 periodicals. Yet another invaluable Future Survey guide to recent books, reports and periodicals - mainly, but not exclusively, North American.

John Papworth: SMALL IS POWERFUL: THE FUTURE AS IF PEOPLE REALLY MATTERED: Adamantine, 1995, 232pp, pbk, £14.95. Like Leopold Kohr and E.F. Schumacher, Papworth urges that mass societies have had their day. Incompatible with genuine justice and ecological realities, their breakdown opens the way to a new approach. Chapters include "The Luddite Defeat" and "Community Destruction".

David Simmons: REINVENTING THE ECONOMY: THE THIRD WAY: Jon Carpenter, 1996, 259pp, pbk, £11.99. A serious statement of the case against New Right economics and for the Keynesian consensus, combined with encouragement for small businesses and small communities.

John Raven: **THE NEW WEALTH OF NATIONS**: Royal Fireworks Press, New York and Bloomfield Books, Sudbury, England, 1995, 372pp, pbk, £18.95. Today's society is not a true 'market economy'. Nor is it a managed economy in the sense of being effectively managed in the public interest. It is, in fact, managed by many sub-groups in their own interests, the most important being banks and transnational corporations. We need a climate of innovation, better arrangements for collecting, interpreting and taking action on information, new ways of thinking about management, bureaucracy, democracy and citizenship, and a central role for public servants supervised by participative democracy. Not an easy book, but a potentially important contribution to the new post-Thatcher political economy.

Robert French and Christopher Grey (eds): **RETHINKING MANAGEMENT EDUCATION**: Sage, 1996, 206pp. If academic freedom is eroding, how can newly emerging forms of capitalism be critiqued? Must management educators be priests of the status quo? These interesting essays raise the question whether management education can be compatible with social transformation and social control of corporate power.

Vincent Budd: **THE HUMAN MYTHUS**: Gnosis Press (PO Box 2, South Uist, Outer Hebrides HS8 5UE), 1995, 474pp, pbk, £12. First words: "We just will not stop making a total pig's arse of everything. Humankind appears to have cocked it up completely, lost the plot entirely. There is a pretty thorough misunderstanding somewhere". Last words: "... the unending fabrication of the Citadel of Babel".

Dr Andrew Stanway (ed): **THE NEW NATURAL FAMILY DOCTOR**: Gaia, 1996, 351pp, pbk, £12.99. Attractive and authoritative self-help guide to health and natural medicine - therapies and natural remedies that acknowledge the body's innate capacity for self-healing.

John Seymour: **RETRIEVED FROM THE FUTURE**: New European Publications, 1996, 235pp, pbk. Absorbing accounts by Bob, Jessie, Dike, Lt. Col. Nightingale and others, of events in and around rural East Anglia in the chaos following the collapse of today's oil-based society. Peace and order are eventually re-established, an East Anglian Federation is set up with its capital at Beccles, canals and navigable rivers are opened up, self-reliant local activities develop, and trade begins again with neighbouring communities in Essex and Lincolnshire. A good read. Seriously thought-provoking.

Robert A. de J. Hart: **BEYOND THE FOREST GARDEN**: Gaia Books, 1996, 159pp, pbk, £8.99. "In the history of human evolution, a new species is appearing in many parts of the world - a species endowed with the mental, moral and spiritual qualities fitting it to co-operate with Gaia's self-healing capacities". A personal meditation on the author's forest garden on Wenlock Edge in Shropshire, and his reflections on the role of plants, mind and life-force, foods of the soul, the science of love, and other topics.

Nicholas Albery et al (eds): **DIY FUTURES**: Institute for Social Inventions, 1996, 288pp, pbk, £14.85. This substitute for the Social Inventions Journal includes the Social Innovations Award-Winners for 1996. **CREATIVE ENDINGS** (same editors, Natural Death Centre, 1996, 79pp, pbk, £5.95) is on "Designer Dying & Celebratory Funerals".

THE SEALANES OF RYE (1993) and **THE WATER TRAILS OF RYE** (1995) are two in a series on "Rye from the Water's Edge" (each 56 pp, pbk, Academic Inn Books, Custom House, Rye, Sussex; Peter Etherden). John Seymour's words, Connie Lindquist's illustrations - delightful.

ASPECTS OF A NEW POLITICAL ECONOMY

In **ECONOMICS FOR THE GLOBAL GOOD**, Autumn 1996, Newsletter of The Other Economic Summit (TOES) Australia (27 Hyam Street, Nowra, NSW 2541, Australia), Sally Willington proposes Economists Anonymous centres near every university campus - "clinics for academic economists who have 'come out' - to help them to adjust to the shock of discovering that most of what they have been taught and now teach to others is nonsense".

"The economist's theory of motivation is the weakest part of that profession's conceptual toolkit. The image of people as rational maximisers of their interests is an abstraction whose relationship to actual human behaviour is quite simplistic". In **HUMAN ECONOMY**, Spring 1996 (Human Economy Center, PO Box 28, West Swanzey, NH 03469, USA; John Applegath) Daniel Yankelovich discusses "How Changes in the Economy are Reshaping American Values".

The April 1996 "Green Economics" issue (editor Wayne Ellwood) of **NEW INTERNATIONALIST** (monthly £2.20 from PO Box 79, Hertford SG14 1AQ) featured David Korten, Susan Meeker-Lowry, Kirkpatrick Sale, Jose Lutzenberger, Richard Douthwaite and James Robertson (see p.2).

An international **MICROCREDIT SUMMIT** in Washington DC in February 1997 will "launch a global movement to reach a hundred million of the world's poorest families, especially the women of those families, with credit for self-employment by 2005". Information and 38pp Draft Declaration from Results Educational Fund (236 Massachusetts Ave NE, Suite 300, Washington DC 20002, USA) or Results Education (Venture House, Cross Steet, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 7PG).

"**MONEY MATTERS: Taking Charge of our Money, our Values and our Lives**" is a Resource List and Annotated Bibliography - one of many valuable papers and reports from the **New Economics Foundation** - see p.1.

It is "not enough to deal with the economic structures of society at large. Most people are confronted with economic issues in the nitty-gritty of their personal finances, rather than at the level of public policy. Both levels are seedbeds of much suffering. Both of them are largely neglected by the church". Klaus Nurnberger's **MAKING ENDS MEET: PERSONAL MONEY MANAGEMENT IN A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE** is a 76pp booklet, 1995, from Encounter Publications, PO Box 647, Pietermaritzburg, 3200 South Africa).

"Like the rest of an unthinking Third World, why are we subsidising the lifestyles of rich Americans and Europeans by buying their weapons, even as we scramble for a living?" - **SAWTEE**, March 1996 (South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment, Consumer Unity & Trust Society, 3B Camac Street, Calcutta 700 016, India).

A summary of recent research on conversion of defence production to civil production is available from Ian Davis (Department of Peace Studies, Bradford University, West Yorkshire BD7 1DP).

Steven B. Kurtz (PO Box 474, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447, USA) supports the **CENTER FOR AMERICAN STUDIES AT CONCORD's** (196 Elm Street, Concord, MA 01742, USA) Bill of Economic Rights and Responsibilities.

ASSET DEMOCRACY (The Old School, 29 Bailbrook Lane, Swainswick, Bath BA1 7AN) aims to help people to pool their mutual savings. **A.R. Waterhouse** (12 Brook Leaze Buildings, Bath BA1 6RA) has details.

In Campaign for Political Ecology's (see p.16) journal REAL WORLD, No.14, Winter 1995 (£7 pa from 18 Sunnyside Terrace, Greenside, Tyne & Wear NE40 4LE), Jakob von Uexkull proposes a new UN People's Council for Global Sustainability. Its main task would be to codify and enforce treaties and conventions embodying environmental rights.

The UN Trusteeship Council, originally set up to oversee territories administered by colonial powers, now has no role. Could it oversee the common heritage and global commons - including the sea-bed, outer space, global climate and environment, biodiversity and our genetic inheritance? - FUTURE GENERATIONS JOURNAL, No.18, 1996 (Foundation for International Studies, St. Paul's Street, Valletta, Malta).

Official Development Assistance has turned in recent years from a partner relationship "into one that makes the donor more like the master, the recipient the subordinate". AUTONOMOUS DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN AFRICA, a 36pp booklet, 1995, from the Dag Hammarskjold Foundation (Ovre Slottsgatan 2, S-753 10 Uppsala, Sweden) puts forward proposals to restore mutual trust and give priority to support for organisations committed to work with the poorer groups in society.

"A just and healthy future for working people can only be assured by building human rights and workers' rights everywhere". It is self-defeating for workers to compete internationally for the favours of transnational capital. WORKERS' WORLD NEWS, Jan/Feb 1996 (PO Box 213, Salt River 7924, Cape Town, South Africa), published by the International Labour Resource and Information Group (ILRIG), Cape Town University, is on "Globalisation".

Deidre Kent is editor-publisher of THE INDICATOR, Newsletter of the Campaign for New Economics (PO Box 4524, Christchurch, New Zealand). The May 1996 issue includes discussion of the relative merits of a Universal Basic Income and a Carers' Responsibility Wage.

Herman Royce's (43 Clarke Avenue, Wattle Glen, 3096 Australia) four articles on "Why There's Never Enough Money", "10 Reasons for - " and "10 Features of - A New Ism", and "Plurocracy: Democracy That Works" summarise his thinking on conventional economics and new economics.

Aid agencies spend much more on helping victims of natural disasters than they invest in disaster preparedness and mitigation - Janet Douglas on "Mitigating the Millennium - A Donor Perspective" in APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY, March 1996 (IT Publications, 103-105 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4HH). [And everywhere more is spent on responding to sickness, crime and civil wars than is invested in creating healthier, more law-abiding and peaceful societies - eds.]

At the presentation of BHSF's World Habitat Awards 1995 in Curitiba, Brazil, Peter Elderfield (BUILDING AND SOCIAL HOUSING FOUNDATION, Memorial Square, Coalville, Leicestershire LE67 3TU) stressed that government's role is to enable people to provide themselves with decent shelter. WORLD HABITAT AWARDS 1990-1994 is a finely produced book from BHSF, 1996, 138pp, £15.

Micro-level participatory development requires a change of attitude by government, development agencies and professionals - "in terms of working with people, transferring the ownership by developing the capacities of people, discouraging a dependency mind-set, and empowering people to take up responsibilities to act for themselves". A.K. Tewari in DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES, July 1996, (B-32 Tara Crescent, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi 110 016, India).

EDUCATION, INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION

THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN ECOLOGY (Edinburgh University, 15 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9LN; Teaching Director Alastair McIntosh) plans to continue as an independent academic institute, having been closed down by Edinburgh University for being too innovative and radical. Its MSc course, its other teaching and research activities, and its public lectures and seminars are known worldwide. We wish it every success. (In "The Emperor has no clothes: A Classical and Feminist Critique of Contemporary Science Policy" in ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES, 1996, Vol.5, No.1, pp.3-30, Alastair McIntosh contrasts the feminist and the Platonic approach to science with the Baconian utilitarianism that underlies current scientific and educational policies.)

South Bank University's Distance-Learning MSc in ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION is being expanded with a one-year London-based course from September 1996. Details from Course Administrator, South Bank University (103 Borough Road, London SE1 0AA).

Details of a two-year Masters course in FORESIGHT AND FUTURES STUDIES starting September 1996 from Graham May (Leeds Metropolitan University, Built Environment School, Calverley St, Leeds LS1 3HE).

In recent articles in *Environmental Education Research*, David Hicks (Faculty of Education, Bath College of Higher Education, Newton Park, Bath BA2 9BN) discusses environmental educators' concern for a sustainable future and the relevance of futures studies to it.

Peter Reason and Judi Marshall (Bath University School of Management, Bath BA2 7AY) are launching a new two-year part-time MSc course in RESPONSIBILITY IN BUSINESS PRACTICE starting in March 1997, in collaboration with the New Academy of Business (see p.7).

William Robb is director of the Centre for Alleviating Social Problems Through Values Education (CAVE, 85 Argyll Place, Rosemount, Aberdeen AB25 2HU).

The Third Sector Schools Alliance (3SSA) includes Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish, Small and Steiner schools. Details from HUMAN SCALE EDUCATION (Fiona Carnie, 96 Carlingcott, Nr Bath BA2 8AW).

The domination of technology education by masculine values is one of the issues confronting VALIDATE (Values In Design And Technology Education, c/o Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham B29 6LQ; Ruth Conway).

A recent UNESCO Report focuses on relationships between education and development, science, citizenship, culture, social cohesion, and work. It proposes four "pillars" - learning to live together, learning throughout life, learning to face a variety of situations, and learning to understand one's own personality. In NEW ERA IN EDUCATION, August 1996, editor Sneh Shah (School of Humanities and Education, University of Hertfordshire, Wall Hall Campus, Aldenham, Watford, Herts WD2 8AT) adds empowerment as a fifth pillar - enabling people to become more capable of asserting themselves and asking questions in order to determine their own agenda.

Under the Alternatives To Violence Project (started in USA in 1975 and taken up in Britain in 1990) Jan Shimmin (5 South View, Ditchling, Hassocks, Sussex BN6 8TQ) offers "Making Friends with Conflict" workshops. Also one- and two-day "Difficult Customers" courses on how to deal with potentially aggressive situations.

ENVIRONMENT IN THE NEWS, report of a Reuter Foundation (85 Fleet Street, London EC4P 4AJ) seminar in Oxford in 1995 for international journalists, includes edited transcripts of presentations by Jonathon Porritt on "Why Are The Media So Ecologically Illiterate?", Sir Crispin Tickell on "Economics and the Environment", Tessa Tennant on "The Role of Finance in Sustainable Development", and James Robertson on "A Sustainable Economic Future - for People and Earth".

"Most of the world's people are neglected most of the time in our newspapers and popular TV". WORLD VISION AUSTRALIA (GPO Box 399C, Melbourne, Victoria 3001, Australia; Greg Thompson) issues a bi-monthly 32pp GLOBAL ISSUES Bulletin focusing on the lives of these more than three billion people who are largely ignored. In the Nov-Dec 1995 issue Greg Thompson discusses whether the new culture of the World Bank under the presidency of Australian James Wolfensohn will narrow the widening gap between rich and poor and protect the earth for this and future generations.

George Chappell has succeeded Bill and Margaret Ellis as editor-publisher of TRANET Newsletter (PO Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970, USA). His July-August issue renews TRANET's commitment to a concern for earth systems and economics on a human scale.

THE SPARK (c/o Neal's Yard Remedies, 126 Whiteladies Road, Bristol BS8 2RP; £3 for 3 issues) is a 4-monthly, 40pp - huge pages! - guide to positive change for Bristol, Bath and the West.

In CENTREPIECE Newsletter, Spring 1996, the Bristol Cancer Help Centre (Grove House, Cornwallis Grove, Clifton BS8 4PG) announced the launch of its Mind-Body and Cancer Database, a comprehensive collection of references to research studies, literature reviews and books from the past 50 years.

Jane Taylor is News Editor of PLANETARY CONNECTIONS, The Networking Resource Section of POSITIVE NEWS (Six Bells, Church St, Bishop's Castle, Shropshire SY9 5AA) - "a family newspaper. Our family are those throughout the world who have seen a vision of a new era and are dedicated to bringing it into reality".

The Commonweal Collection (c/o J.B. Priestley Library, University of Bradford, West Yorkshire BD7 1DP), is a library specialising in non-violent social change. It was started in 1958 by David Hoggett. Sylvia Barlow's interesting short history (1996, 9pp) costs 60p.

Self-empowerment means a process in which people liberate themselves from the forces that prevent them controlling decisions affecting their lives. In the context of world communication, a basic problem has been the failure to develop adequate countervailing power against the global mega-communicators. The Information Super-Highway is being constructed by a few mega-gatekeepers intent on monopolising access to consumer markets. In IDOC Internazionale 95/4 (Via Santa Maria dell'Anima 30, 00186 Rome, Italy) Cees Hamelink asks "Information Super-Highway: Quo Vadis?".

David Wilcox (ed): INVENTING THE FUTURE: COMMUNITIES IN THE INFORMATION SOCIETY: Partnership Books (13 Pelham Square, Brighton BN1 4ET), 1996, £5, highlights enormous gaps between the rhetoric of political debate and commercial hype, and the reality for individuals and small organisations who don't have the skills or the equipment to join the promised Information Society. "This prospect presents a particular challenge for the voluntary sector".

CREATING THE FUTURE

FORUM FOR THE FUTURE (Thornbury House, 18 High Street, Cheltenham, Glos GL50 1DZ; Anne-Marie Dabrowska) has been launched by three leading UK environmentalists, Paul Ekins, Sara Parkin and Jonathon Porritt. And a **REAL WORLD COALITION** of leading voluntary and campaigning organisations (c/o TCPA, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AS) has also been launched - with the publication of Michael Jacobs' "The Politics of the Real World". Is Britain on the move?

The **Pathfinding Project** (INSTITUTE OF NOETIC SCIENCES, 475 Gate Five Road, Suite 300, Sausalito, CA 94965, USA; Willis Harban) is a collaborative enquiry exploring feasible pathways toward a positive future. Work so far has identified a set of systemic dilemmas, e.g. about work, jobs and economic growth, to which there do not seem to be satisfactory resolutions short of fundamental change in our worldview, values or institutions.

"Africans are fighting a higher order of challenge than just problems of poverty, deprivation and political instability. Africa must find its soul .. and a sense of purpose that will move the challenge beyond the economic debate". Philip Spies (Director, Institute for Futures Research, University of Stellenbosch, PO Box 2010, 7535 Bellville, South Africa) discusses visions of the future and the dynamics of transformation, in "Making the Future: Practical Steps Towards an Idealised Redesign of Sub-Saharan Africa" (July 1995).

"The building of Europe compels Europeans to concern themselves with identity problems. It is noticeable, however, that discussions are more motivated by nationalist resistance, even nostalgia than by the need to open up new areas of historical thought and action". **ISLAM, EUROPE AND MODERNITY**, 1996, 38pp, is edited by Alastair Hulbert (Ecumenical Association for Church and Society, 174 rue Joseph II, B-1000 Brussels, Belgium).

TURNING THE TIDE (Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ; Catharine Perry) is a Quaker Programme on Nonviolence and Social Change. Speakers at a Seminar in Oxford, May 1996, were Paul Rogers (Peace Studies, Bradford University) on "Global Forces and Trends", Paul Goggins (Church Action on Poverty) on "How British Society is Changing", James Robertson on "Political Economy: A Post-Modern Perspective", Isobel Lindsay on "Creating Democratic Institutions in Scotland", and Zoe Broughton on "The Direct Action Movement".

CHARTER 99 aims for a just global settlement to start the new century. An outline Charter, committed to democracy worldwide, proposes to reform the UN Security Council, establish a UN Economic and Environmental Security Council, and give powers of supervision over global economic institutions to the UN. Details and proposed follow-up from Titus Alexander (32 Carisbrooke Road, London E17 7EF).

In "Technology Foresight in an Aimless Society" Anders Hansson (Reaction Engines Ltd, 20 Leybourne Avenue, London W13 9RB) suggests that "after the public debates on nuclear power and biotechnology, scientists may have to confront what it might mean to serve society rather than the unpeopled worlds of technical rationality".

WORLD PEACE 2000 (World House, Goose Lane, Mayford, Woking, Surrey GU22 0NW; Chris Hildred) aims to collect one billion signatures by the Year 2000 demanding radical change to a culture of peace and plenty, and suggests 20 ways to help to change the world.

PEOPLE AND PROJECTS

WORLD REVIEW: NEW BOOKS FOR A NEW CENTURY is a new 44pp quarterly, editor Sir Richard Body, from Centre for European Studies (14-16 Carroun Road, London SW8 1JT). Each issue contains short accounts written by the authors of 12 books selected as deserved reading by "anyone wanting to keep abreast of the ideas that are, or should be, helping to change the world". Excellent. £15pa for UK subscribers from World Review (120-126 Lavender Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3HP).

Recipients of Francis Kinsman's (4 Sion Hill Place, Bath BA1 5SJ) 1995 KAFKA (Kinsman Appreciation for Key Achievement) awards included Charles Handy, Ronald Higgins, Satish Kumar - and us, "for breaking new ground in the quest for a holistic economic order". The KAFKA for Mairi and Warren Putt, job-sharing directors, Nigel Clare Network Trust (85 Moorgate, London EC2M 6SA) was "for charity, for compassion, for community of vision and for enduring bravery". NCNT helps families with responsibilities for life-limited children to control their own lives under their own self-help plans.

ANTIDOTE (99 Shirland Road, London W9 2EL) is a new organisation concerned with the emotional aspects of social issues. Its first report will be on Money and Values - people's attitudes to money and how they resolve conflicts between their cooperative and acquisitive instincts. If you want to be involved, let director James Park know.

PROJECTS IN PARTNERSHIP (Regent House, 89 Kingsway, London WC2B 6RH; Coordinator Helena Poldervaart) works with interested groups and individuals to develop practical ways of promoting sustainable development. Its Energy Project - to overcome barriers to energy efficiency in the home - has led, among other things, to setting up the Croydon Energy Networks (PO Box 275, Croydon CR9 1ZJ).

The **ST. JAMES'S ALLIANCE** (St. James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London W1V 0LL) seeks to realign the political agenda on social justice, economic sustainability and a way of life that can fulfil the needs of everyone in society. Information and newsletter from John Gordon.

Norman Jope's (38 Molesworth Road, Plympton, Plymouth PL7 4NT) pamphlet **FINDING TIME** and its follow-up newsletter **THE CLOCK STOPS HERE** oppose the Job Seeker's Allowance and its "new principle of social cohesion" that citizenship is no longer a birthright, but depends on participation in the market.

Salamah Pope (35 Brian Avenue, Mount Pleasant, Perth WA 6153, Australia) has details of a new **AUSTRALASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR PROCESS WORK**, based on the thinking of A.N. Whitehead.

T. Hill and A. Mijwaart (Huntum 9a, 3632 XK Loenen a/d Vecht, Holland) are collecting posters on alternative political movements and counterculture - peace, human rights, environmental, etc.

Naomi R. Calligaro (Alpha Omega Resources Ltd, 6 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 2BS) is developing a proposal to establish an international holistic centre on the Greek island of Hydra.

Bob Waller's (Willow Cottage, Clarendon Road, Widcombe, Bath BA2 4NJ) fine 43-line poem **THINKER AND SAGE** contrasts Rodin's cerebral intellectual toiler with the serenely relaxed Buddha. He says the last line - "as Thinker and Sage converge and are reconciled" - might "indicate one of the changes in Turning Point 2000".

SOME DATES TO NOTE

21 September, 10.30am-4pm, London. UK FUTURES GROUP. Details from Graham May (see p.12).

27-28 September, Strasbourg. Conference on "EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION and the Regional Responsibility of Financial Institutions Towards the Consumer". Speakers include Pat Conaty, Julie Hill, Ed Mayo, Maria Cobelli and many others. Details from Bianca Haane, IFF, Grosse Bleichen 23, D-20354 Hamburg, Germany.

4-6 October, Devon. ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS - Tutor Warwick Fox. Details of this and other Dartington Hall Weekends from Brenda Blewitt, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EL.

15 October, 6pm, London. INDIVIDUALITY IN TWINS: A PAINFUL QUEST? Public lecture by Dr. Elizabeth Bryan. Tickets £10 from Christina Bailey, The Multiple Births Foundation, Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG.

19 October, 10am-5pm, Bristol. SCHUMACHER LECTURES on "Food, Land and Living Communities" - Catherine Sneed on "Growing Urban Communities" George Monbiot on "The Land Is Ours" and Tim Lang on "The Challenge for Food Culture". Tickets £16 and details from Schumacher Society - address and other information on p.5.

19 October, 10am-4pm, London. ECO Conference. "Conserver Politics or Red-Green Politics" debate - speakers include Val Stevens - and launch of "Living Lightly on the Earth: The Conserver Manifesto". Tickets £10 and details from Campaign For Political Ecology, 42 Rose Terrace, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 4QA.

19 October, London. RELIGION, SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS. Speakers include Peter Moore, Mary Midgley, Brian Goodwin, Edward Goldsmith and Vincent Rossi. Tickets £20 and details from Robert Vint, Friends of the Centre, 8th Floor, Rodwell House, Middlesex Street, London E1 7HJ.

22-24 November, Findhorn. VALUES, PURPOSE & PEACE Workshop led by Joycelin Hobman. Bookings/enquiries to Minton House, Findhorn Bay, Forres IV36 0YY. Details of other Joycelin Hobman workshops from her (14 Bartrams Lane, Hadley Wood, Herts EN4 0EH).

23 November, London. LONDON CITIZENS FORUM. See p.6.

12-14 December, Tilburg. NEW STRATEGIES FOR EVERYDAY LIFE: WORK, FREE TIME AND CONSUMPTION. Details from Prof Juliet Schor, Katholieke Universiteit Brabant, Department of Leisure Studies, PO Box 90153, 5000 LE Tilburg, Netherlands.

5-25 January 1997, Devon. A NEW ECONOMICS FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET. Schumacher College course with James Robertson, Wendy Harcourt, Richard Douthwaite. Details of this and other courses - Hilary Nicholson, The Old Postern, Dartington, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EA.

2-4 February, Washington DC. MICROCREDIT SUMMIT. See p.10.

10-14 February, Havana, Cuba. ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY. See p.1.

1-9 March, Wellington, NZ. International FESTIVAL FOR THE FUTURE. Details - PO Box 9578, Te Aro, Wellington, New Zealand.